

# Medical Staff PROGRESS NOTES



## Medical Leadership Changes

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After six years of serving as Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, **L. Wayne Hess, MD**, will be leaving Lehigh Valley Hospital this

month. Dr. Hess has been recruited by the Carilion Health System of Roanoke, Va. Carilion, in conjunction with Dr. Hess's alma mater, Virginia Tech, has been approved to start a new allopathic medical school, accepting its first class in 2010. Dr. Hess will serve as the founding Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Hess has honorably and dutifully served as Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology during his tenure at LVHHN. He has courageously faced several challenges during those years, and leaves us with a professional and well-staffed department. His attention to the academic mission has been consistent, and he has served as an outstanding mentor to many inside and outside his department.

Best wishes to Dr. Hess and his family with their new endeavors.

With mixed emotions, **Michael S. Weinstock, MD**, Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, has decided the time has come to move into retirement.



Dr. Weinstock has done an exceptional job of developing all three wheels of our tricycle model during his 12 years with LVHHN. In addition, he has consistently stepped into Network tasks when asked, always delivering a high quality result. With a quality residency program and management of explosive demands for patient care in the Emergency Department, Dr. Weinstock has delivered more than could be asked of any clinical department chair. He has been a wonderful mentor for individuals both within and outside his department.

Dr. Weinstock intends to continue to do outside consultative work. More importantly, he and his wife, Leslie, will be racking up frequent flyer miles keeping up with their children and four grandchildren and enjoying their home in Florida. Best wishes to Dr. Weinstock and his family.

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## From the President

The world is changing at an increasingly rapid rate, and the nation's health care system will change along with it. Our options are to wait for the change to happen and then try to catch up, or to keep pace with and even lead the change. The one thing we can't do is keep change from occurring.

That was the theme of the Estes Park Institute Conference attended by Troika and guests last month in San Diego. Estes Park is a non-profit organization begun in 1974. Its mission is to educate physicians, health care managers and hospital board members so they can better serve their patients and communities, and so they can exercise leadership in their field.

Speakers included physicians, lawyers, economists, psychologists and even "futurists." In this last category, Leland Kaiser and his daughter Leanne Kaiser Carlson,

well-known advisors to philanthropic and health care organizations nationwide, spoke of "creating a culture of excellence" and "megatrends" applicable to community hospitals.

Carlson also talked about areas "where the future exists today" in health care. For example, progress in electronic communication and information systems is now so rapid that the limiting factor is no longer technology but rather the ability and willingness to cooperate to use these systems to their full advantage for our patients.

Another example: The elderly are becoming a larger segment of the population each year, putting additional demands on health care to meet their special needs. Some hospitals have launched innovative elder care programs, anticipating the trend and seizing on an opportunity at the same time.

John Kitzhaber, the former governor of Oregon and a former Emergency Medicine physician, put forward a thought-provoking argument that today's system of paying for healthcare (Medicare, Medicaid, preferential tax treatment for employer-sponsored coverage) needs reform to reduce the huge financial burden it is creating for future generations.

He also advocates "putting the caring back into health care," especially at the end of life. Long a champion of such reform in his

political past, Kitzhaber now spends his time urging health care leaders to take up the movement for change.

Other topics included patient safety, the future of ambulatory care, new roles for genetics in predicting and treating disease, physician-hospital partnerships, and trends in medical staff bylaws and issues.

I'll be talking more about some of these topics in future columns, and members of Troika will be looking for opportunities to use this information where appropriate, as we discuss these issues and their relevance here at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

One clear message that I took away from several days of immersion in future health care issues and trends is this: Members of the hospital administration and the Medical Staff need to work together to create our own future. We need to be proactive rather than reactive in our response to what is expected to be a time of significant and rapid change in our world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Lapos".

Linda L. Lapos, MD  
Medical Staff President

## DOCs are ROC'n About Parking!

On Monday, May 21, the third CC Readiness ROC DOC meeting was held in Classrooms 2 & 3 at the Cedar Crest site. Edward M. Mullin, Jr., MD, led the meeting and charged the group with upholding the role of "conduits," carrying the information they receive from the ROC DOC meetings back to the areas they represent.

In recent weeks, there has been rising concern about the physician parking areas. Today, if you look at the physician parking areas, there is a flurry of activity occurring. Gerry Kresge, Director of Security, was present at Monday's ROC DOC meeting to provide an update on the current physician parking situation. Following are some of the highlights from his presentation:

- ... The physician parking areas are being expanded for flexible usage. At the termination of construction in the physician parking areas, 360 parking spaces will be available for physicians and residents.
- ... Construction in the physician parking areas should cease by July 6.
- ... Security has discontinued placing orange Violation stickers on cars in the physician parking areas; they have now moved to placing "courtesy tags" on cars improperly parked.

... Definitive timelines for parking areas are determined by construction timelines.

Mr. Kresge asked the group to contact him directly if they experience any troubles with parking on the Cedar Crest campus. He also welcomed the group to share any questions or concerns they may have about parking.

In addition to the presentation at Monday's ROC DOC meeting, information about physician parking changes has been posted in the Medical Staff Lounge (in the form of campus maps) and at the gates to the physician parking areas (leaflets in a "Take One" box). Information is also shared via e-mail and on the hospital's Intranet site.

Any questions regarding ROC or the expansion at the Cedar Crest campus may be directed to the ROC Line—610-402-7700—or by calling or emailing Ed Mullin, MD, ROC Leader.

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Fortunately for LVHHN, Dr. Weinstock has done an exceptional job in developing possible successors – **Richard S. MacKenzie, MD**, will assume the position of Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, effective July 1, 2007.



Dr. MacKenzie is the current Vice Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, and has been with LVHHN since November, 1997. He is well-known throughout LVHHN for his energetic participation in many projects and initiatives. He served as Interim Chair of the department for six months while Dr. Weinstock served as Chief Medical Officer. In addition, he served as co-

leader of both the Growing Organizational Capacity (GOC) Team in 2004, and most recently the Turn-around Team (TAT). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, and is actively involved in the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Dr. MacKenzie received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and his Medical Degree from East Carolina University School of Medicine. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and he is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. MacKenzie and his wife, Sandra Fogelman-MacKenzie, MD, reside in Allentown.

## Core Measure Progress Record

Beginning July 1, 2007, a newly developed **Core Measure Progress Record** will be implemented. This comprehensive, one-page document contains all of the current adult core measures that are collected and publicly reported. Specific quality indicators are also included, for example: beta-blockers for Heart Failure and statin therapy for AMI, as they will pertain to P4P. The new *Core Measure Progress Record* will replace the existing *Cardiac Core Measure Progress Note* as well as the *Stroke Core Measures Progress Note*. This record must be initiated, when applicable, for every adult admission and completed prior to the patient's discharge. It will be located behind the Teal Colored Chart Tab titled "Patient Teaching Discharge Instructions."

At the top of the form, the Joint Commission's adult core measures are bolded and include Acute Myocardial Infarction, Congestive Heart Failure, Community Acquired Pneumonia and Stroke/TIA. When a patient has one or more of these diagnoses, they must be checked off on the form. The form is then divided into halves – the top half outlines all required nursing interventions; the bottom half outlines all

required physician/provider interventions. Each intervention is preceded by a check box. The Joint Commission will not consider that *Appropriate Care* was rendered unless all of the boxes are checked. For your convenience, all possible contraindications are listed on the back of the form. A letter is assigned to each contraindication and should be used to assist with documentation.

If the physician/provider has not completed their section of the form by the time of their patient's discharge, the RN will notify them to complete the form. The goal is to achieve 100% compliance for all adult core measures while providing evidence-based care to these high-risk patient populations.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Nancy Davies-Hathen, Administrator, Patient Care Services, at 610-402-8262.

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## Change in Nuclear Medicine Protocol

The Section of Nuclear Medicine has changed the procedure for solid phase gastric emptying. A simplified, standardized four-hour gastric emptying protocol has been adopted which has been shown to be more sensitive in detecting abnormal gastric emptying compared to the old 90-minute scan. Simultaneous anterior and posterior one-minute images are obtained immediately, one hour, two hours and four hours after oral administration of the tracer and decay corrected counts are analyzed. Delayed gastric retention is defined as a delay of greater than 90% at 1 h, 60% at 2 h and 10% at 4 h.(1).

Please inform your patients that they must fast after midnight and that the test will take four hours to complete. However, long breaks will be taken during the test.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call Robert J. Rienzo, MD, Chief, Section of Nuclear Medicine, or Wen Young, MD, Section of Nuclear Medicine, at 610-402-5017.

(1) Ziessman HA et al. "Experience with a Simplified, Standardized 4-Hour Gastric Emptying Protocol." J Nucl Med. 2007; 48: 568-572

### Attention Physicians

Are your patients' blood sugar levels borderline? If so, refer them to the Pre-Diabetes Education classes today. These classes are held in two sessions - each two hours in length at various locations throughout the network convenient for your patients. For more information, referral forms and a schedule, please call 610-969-2563.

## Hospital NPI Numbers

On May 23, 2007, LVHHN began to include its NPI (National Provider Identifier) on all claims. For your information, listed below are the hospital's NPI numbers along with the current corresponding Medicare provider number and taxonomy codes. Please make note of these numbers as they are now required for any hospital billing.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>NPI #</u>	<u>Taxonomy</u>	<u>Medicare #</u>
LVH	1164400131	282N00000X	390133
LVHM	1598743585	282N00000X	390263
HomeCare	1821061979	251E00000X	397023
Hospice	1841261237	251G00000X	391521
TSU	1235198326	314000000X	395951
Adult Transitions-LVHM	1891753802	261QM0850X	390764
Inpt Psych	1609834001	273R00000X	39S133
Adult Transitions-LVH	1134152358	261QM0850X	390133
Adol Transitions-LVH	1841223062	261QM0855X	390133
Renal	1457436412	261QE0700X	392322
LVH SPU	1326177544	261QA1903X	390133
LVHM SPU	1770612996	261QA1903X	390263
LVH Dental	1053440073	261QD0000X	390133
LVHM Dental	1386773307	261QD0000X	390263
MHMR	1073642096	261QM0850X	390133
BSU	1891824801	261QM0850X	390263

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Hinkle, Manager, Patient Financial Services, at 610-402-0841.

## Proton Pump Inhibitor Review

The Therapeutics Committee has granted approval to make pantoprazole IV and omeprazole PO the new preferred formulary PPIs, **effective June 1, 2007**. Based on present evidence, omeprazole 20mg is considered therapeutically comparable to pantoprazole 40mg, esomeprazole 20mg, lansoprazole 30mg, and rabeprazole 20mg. Therefore, patients ordered an oral PPI other than omeprazole will be converted to an equipotent dose of omeprazole on a same dose frequency basis. Intravenous pantoprazole will remain on formulary. In keeping with the institution's IV to

PO conversion policy, IV orders for pantoprazole 40mg will be automatically converted to PO omeprazole 20mg in the same frequency given documentation of GI tolerance as previously established. The Prevacid SoluTab®, an orally disintegrating formulation of lansoprazole, will remain on formulary for limited application for patients who have difficulty swallowing tablets.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call Jason Laskosky, PharmD, at 610-402-8884.

# Research Corner

## Cystatin C Study

This study is designed to determine if Cystatin C is an earlier marker of contrast-induced nephropathy than creatinine in the diabetic population with decompensated renal function. The study is also designed to determine if Cystatin C can occur independent of elevations in serum creatinine following radiocontrast administration along with do Cystatin C levels predict the development of contrast-induced nephropathy. The patient will undergo a series of blood tests, including Cystatin C and serum creatinine within 8 hours pre-contrast study, 6 hours post, 24 hours post and 48 hours post-contrast. Patients who do not require extended hospitalization following the procedure will be asked to return for an outpatient blood draw.

**Principal Investigator:** Michael Lattanzio, DO, Internal Medicine Resident

**Study Coordinator:** Sharon Kromer, RN, Department of Medicine Research

## Rheumatoid Arthritis Study



This study is designed to provide treatment to patients with moderate to severe RA who are experiencing inadequate response to current available therapies. The study drug (ocrelizumab) is a Monoclonal Antibody. The study treatment period consists of two courses of treatment (on Day 1 and 15 and on Weeks 24 and 26, for a total of four treatments) with ocrelizumab or placebo. After the first year, the subject is able to go on open-label until ocrelizumab becomes commercially available.

**Principal Investigator:** James Ross, MD, Chief, Division of Rheumatology

**Study Coordinator:** Sharon Kromer, RN, Department of Medicine Research

If you have any questions regarding these studies, please call the Department of Medicine Research office at 610-402-1592 or 610-402-1635. For study referrals, please page the coordinator on call at 610-402-5100 0999.



## LVHVN Digital Library

### Natural Standard: Database of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

The library has added a new online database, Natural Standard, produced by the National Standard Research Collaboration. This group is an international, multidisciplinary research group founded by clinicians and researchers at Harvard Medical School and the University of California to aggregate and synthesize high quality, evidence-based, peer-reviewed information about complementary and alternative therapies. The group provides professional and consumer information to the National Institutes of Health, Harvard Medical School, MD Anderson Cancer Center, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization, Kaiser Permanente and the Mayo Clinic. Its mission is to provide objective, reliable information to aid clinicians, patients, and healthcare institutions to make more informed and safer therapeutic decisions. Natural Standard seeks to be impartial and is not sup-

ported by any interest group, professional organization or pharmaceutical manufacturer. For each therapy, a research team systematically gathers scientific data and expert opinions. Validated rating scales are used to evaluate the quality of available evidence. Information is incorporated into comprehensive monographs which undergo blinded editorial and peer review prior to inclusion in the database. This database may be accessed via the Digital Library Services homepage.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Library Services at 610-402-8410 or 610-969-2263.

## Post-op Weight Loss Surgery Diet Orders

Please be aware that the old "Roux-En-Y" titled diets in LastWord have changed to "Weight Loss Surgery" titled diets consistent with patient education materials. The content/format for the meals will not change, only the name of the diet due to the addition of the Lap-Band procedure now performed at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

ROUX EN Y -PHASE 1 CLEAR has changed to WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY -PHASE 1 CLEAR (same seq # 14320)  
ROUX EN Y -PHASE 2 PUREE has changed to WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY -PHASE 2 PUREE (same seq # 14321)  
ROUX EN Y -PHASE 3 SOFT has changed to WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY -PHASE 3 SOFT (same seq # 14322)  
ROUX EN Y -PHASE 4 REGULAR has changed to WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY -PHASE 4 REGULAR (same seq # 14323)

If you have any questions regarding this diet order title change, please contact Kimberly Procaccino, Nutrition Director, at 610-402-8609.

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## Local Hotel/Motel Accommodations

For the convenience of visitors and patients' families, LVHVN has contracted with a number of local hotels and motels for preferred rates. The list of these accommodations is available through the hospital's Internet webpage. To access the list, go to the hospital's website address – [www.lvh.org](http://www.lvh.org) – then scan the buttons along the left side of the page. Select "Patients & Visitors" – "If You're Visiting" – "Local Accommodations."

If you have any questions regarding the list, please contact Duane Ott, Contract & Product Manager, Materials Management, at 610-969-4218.

### MEDICAL DIRECTOR POSITION — LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPICE

LVHVN is currently seeking a full-time Medical Director to provide comprehensive oversight for the medical management of patients in its Medicare-certified hospice program. Embrace a patient centered care philosophy and lead an interdisciplinary team approach to patient care. Facilitate medical education opportunities with reference to end of life hospice care, consult with patients' attending physicians, make hospice rounds and home visits, and provide medical leadership and advocacy for program growth. Oversee 10-bed hospice unit and 100+ in-home patients. Opportunity exists to collaborate with the Network's new comprehensive palliative care program. Must be willing to obtain certification by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine within three years of becoming Medical Director. Join Lehigh Valley Physician Group and receive competitive salary and excellent benefits. Any interested member of the LVHVN Medical Staff is encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should email an updated CV and cover letter, in confidence, to [carol.voorhees@lvh.com](mailto:carol.voorhees@lvh.com) or call 610-969-0212.



# Construction Update

With the ongoing construction at Lehigh Valley Hospital, the following information may be helpful for you and your patients when visiting the Cedar Crest & I-78 campus:

## Site Renovations on Campus

- ... A portion of the Cedar Crest campus loop road is closed from the West Front Deck construction area to the edge of Lot 12 for reconstruction. All employee lots will remain open and access will be from the South side of the campus. Detour signs are posted.
- ... Work continues in the detention basins at the front and rear of the campus.
- ... Grading for the parking lot expansion in Lot 11 continues.

## West Front Parking Deck

- ... The installation of the foundation walls continue.

## Anderson Wing

- ... The hallway on the second level of the Anderson wing that connects to the General Services Building (GSB) is closed. Signs are posted directing the use of the GSB elevator to the first floor for egress.

## Emergency Room Renovation

- ... Crews have started foundation and underground plumbing work.
- ... Steel work has begun for the new addition.

## Highway Improvement Project

- ... Road widening will begin on the west side of Cedar Crest Blvd. heading north to Fish Hatchery Road.
- ... UGI will relocate a gas line on the south side of Fish Hatchery Road west of Cedar Crest Blvd.
- ... Tree removal will continue in order to relocate the PPL poles and excavate the slopes north and south of Fish Hatchery Road west of Cedar Crest Blvd.

To get the latest construction update or if you have any questions, please call 610-402-CARE.

### Telephone Number Correction

In the April issue of *Medical Staff Progress Notes*, an article appeared regarding in-house CRNA coverage at LVH-Muhlenberg. The ASCOM phone number listed in the article was incorrect. The correct information is as follows: "CRNA's are available to serve as a resource for consultation in airway management, sedation, or any clinical situation that you might find their expertise to be helpful. Code Blue situations will continue to be handled the same way as they are currently, through the Code paging system. For urgent consultations, you may also reach the call personnel through the code pager (6853). For less urgent needs, and other anesthesia related questions during the overnight hours from 3 p.m. through 7 a.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays, you may reach the on-call anesthetist on their ASCOM phone at **484-884-5499**."

## Congratulations!



**Eduardo Lara-Torre, MD**, Section of Ambulatory Gynecology, was elected to the Board of the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG) for the third year in a row.

NASPAG provides a forum for education, research and communication among health professionals who provide gynecologic care to children and adolescents. The event took place at the 2007 Annual Clinical Meeting held on April 20 at Buckhead Intercontinental Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

A member of the Medical Staff since January 2007, Dr. Lara-Torre is the Director of Ambulatory Care, Center for Women's Medicine, located at 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew.



**Theodore G. Phillips, MD**, Section of Cardiac Surgery/Thoracic Surgery, was the recipient of the Professional Excellence Council Physician Friends of Nursing Award which was presented at LVHNN's

annual Friends of Nursing Award Celebration on May 15 as part of National Nurses Week.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since January 1991, Dr. Phillips is in practice with Lehigh Valley Heart and Lung Surgeons.



On April 12, **Joseph N. Nader, MD**, Division of Cardiology, presented a paper at the National Academy of Medicine in Bogota, Colombia, titled "Complete Dissection of the Ascending Aorta with Severe Aortic Insufficiency Diagnosed by Echocardiography."

During the meeting, Dr. Nader was welcomed by the President and honored as a Member of the

Academy, the highest distinction offered by the Colombian State to a physician.

The following day, the Javeriana Medical School (Dr. Nader's Alma Mater) gave him a welcome reception on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation from medical school. The President and Board of Directors granted him the title of associate professor "At Honorem" and Emeritus member of the Medical Staff at the University Hospital. Last year, Dr. Nader published a book of his memoirs as a medical student – ***The Price to be a Doctor***. The book received excellent reviews and it is now part of the Medical School Museum of History.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since May 1968, Dr. Nader is in private practice in Allentown.





**Melvin H. Schwartz, MD**, Division of Cardiology, recently passed the Level 2 Certification Exam to acquire and interpret Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA). CTA is a non-


invasive heart imaging test currently undergoing rapid development and evaluation. High-resolution, three-dimensional pictures of the moving heart and vessels are produced during a coronary CTA to determine if either fatty or calcium deposits (plaque) have built up in the coronary arteries.

A member of the hospital's Medical Staff since June 1991, Dr. Schwartz is in practice with The Heart Care Group, PC.


## Papers, Publications and Presentations


 **George A. Arangio, MD**, Chief, Section of Foot and Ankle Surgery, co-authored a manuscript – “A Biomechanical Analysis of the Effect of Lateral Column Lengthening Calcaneal Osteotomy on the Flat Foot” – which was published in the April 2007 issue of *Clinical Biomechanics*.


 **William F. Bond, MD**, Director of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine, co-authored an article – “The Use of Simulation in Emergency Medicine: A Research Agenda” – which was published in Volume 14, Number 4, April 2007 issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine*.

 Several members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology were part of a free community talk hosted by Kutztown University on April 16. “Countdown to Cervical Cancer Prevention” was a panel discussion designed to provide information about HPV (human papillomavirus), a common virus that is transmitted predominantly by sex and can cause cervical cancer, and about Gardasil – the vaccine which targets HPV.

Panel participants included: **Richard M. Boulay, MD**, Chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology (moderator); **Amanda B. Flicker, MD**, Division of Primary Obstetrics and Gynecology; **Eduardo Lara-Torre, MD**, Section of Ambulatory Gynecology; **Martin A. Martino, MD**, Division of Gynecologic Oncology; and **Sarah L. Stevens, MD**, Department of Pediatrics, Section of Adolescent Medicine.


 **Pradip K. Chakrabarti, MD**, Section of Transplantation Surgery, gave a podium presentation – “Deceased Donor Kidney Transplantation Without a Prospective Cross Match (Xmatch) in Non-sensitized Recipients” – at the American Transplant Congress 2007, held May 5 to 9, in San Francisco, Calif.


 **Marna R. Greenberg, DO**, Division of Emergency Medicine, had a “Letter to the Editor” published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* describing a case of anaphylaxis that responded to heparin. Dr. Greenberg’s letter – “Response to Heparin Reverses Anaphylactoid Shock in a Porcine Model” – appeared in April 2007, Volume 49, Number 4. The article to which her letter referred was published in August 2006, Volume 48, Number 2.


 **Eduardo Lara-Torre, MD**, Section of Ambulatory Gynecology, was the presenter of the following two courses at the April 20 Annual Clinical Meeting for the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology: “Adolescent Contraception – Making Evidence Become Good Clinical Practice” and “Management of Ovarian Cysts in the Pediatric Patient.”


In addition, Dr. Lara-Torre led the course – “The Letter of the Law in Adolescent Health Care; More Shades of Gray than Black or White” – which was presented at the hospital’s Risk Reduction Symposium held at Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedar Crest & I-78 on April 27.

Lastly, Dr. Lara-Torre presented at the 55<sup>th</sup> ACOG Annual Clinical Meeting held May 5 to 9, in San Diego, Calif. The course titles included “Human Papillomavirus Vaccines in Adolescents,” “Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome Occurring in Pregnancy,” and “Heart Disease in Pregnancy.”

 As the current President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, **Lester Rosen, MD**, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was invited to give the keynote Gerald Marks Lecture at the SAGES meeting held April 22 in Las Vegas, Nev. The title of the lecture was “Safety in Surgery: Water Can Float or Sink the Boat.”

 **Prodromos A. Ververeli, MD**, Chief, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, served as Course Director of a seminar on the Management of Knee Arthritis. This was a conference attended by 70 people on May 5 in Allentown. Dr. Ververeli presented lectures on “Surgical Approach of the Valgus Knee with a Variable Soft Tissue Alignment Tensor,” “Use of the High Flex Knee System,” “DVT Prevention Strategy and Rehabilitation.” **Eric B. Lebby, MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Section of Ortho Trauma, and **Carl B. Weiss, Jr., MD**, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, also participated as invited faculty. Dr. Lebby gave presentations on “Non-Operative Management of Knee Arthritis” and “Post-Operative Multimodal Pain Management.” Dr. Weiss presented a lecture on “Hospital Efficiency for Joint Replacement.” This was the fourth annual Joint Replacement Seminar for regional physicians and allied health personnel.

 On May 10, 2007, **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, Vice Chair of Education/Research and Academic Compliance, Residency Program Director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, was appointed to the 2007-2008 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committee of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

 **L. Wayne Hess, MD**, Chair, Department of OB/GYN, and **Patrice M. Weiss, MD**, recently authored a chapter titled “Prenatal Diagnosis of Congenital Diseases” in *Alto Riesgo Obstetrico (High Risk Obstetrics)*, the premier obstetrics textbook in Ecuador and South America.

## Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Meetings

### General Medical Staff Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the General Medical Staff will be held on **Monday, June 11**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78**, and videoconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D**, at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- ... Election of five at-large members of the Medical Executive Committee
- ... Proposed changes to the Medical Staff Bylaws
- ... Presentation of the proposed Medical Staff budget

All members of the Medical Staff are encouraged to attend.

### GLVIPA General Membership Meeting

The quarterly informational meeting of the Greater Lehigh Valley Independent Practice Association, Inc., will be held on **Monday, June 25**, beginning at **6 p.m.**, in the **Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78**, and teleconferenced to the **Educational Conference Center, Room B**, at **LVH-Muhlenberg**.

A highlight of the meeting will be a special wellness presentation titled "The Obesity Epidemic and What Can We Do About It." Please plan to attend this educational session.

For more information, please contact Eileen Hildenbrandt, Coordinator, GLVIPA, at 610-969-0423.

### Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds are held on Thursdays, beginning at 8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) at various locations. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

**June 7 – LVH-M Educational Conference Center, Rooms B & C**

- ... Visiting Speaker
- ... Kevin Weaver, DO
- ... Gary Bonfante, DO

### June 14 – LVH-M 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Classroom

- ... Case Study – Lisa Comperatore, MD
- ... Resident lecture series – Jessica Pierog, DO
- ... Resident lecture series – Joseph Quercia, DO
- ... Rosen's Club – Gavin Barr, Jr., MD

### June 21 – EMI – 2166 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street

- ... Resident lecture series – Nicole Ceccacci, DO
- ... Andrew Miller, DO
- ... David Burmeister, DO
- ... David Richardson, DO

### June 28 – No Grand Rounds

For more information, please contact Dawn Yenser in the Department of Emergency Medicine at 484-884-2888.

### Family Medicine Grand Rounds

Family Medicine Grand Rounds are held the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Center #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, located in the Anderson Wing across from the Library, and teleconferenced to the Educational Conference Center, Room B, at LVH-Muhlenberg, unless otherwise noted. The topic for June is as follows:

**June 5 – "Resident Research: Evaluating Change" – Julie A. Dostal, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine, and Abby S. Letcher, MD, Department of Family Medicine**

For more information, please contact Sue Turi in the Department of Family Medicine at 610-969-4894.

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## Geriatric Trauma Conference

The next Geriatric Trauma Conference will be held on **Wednesday, June 6**, beginning at noon, in Classroom 3 in the Anderson Wing at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

- ... **Case Studies** will be presented by Robert D. Barraco, MD, MPH, Chief, Section of Pediatric/Geriatric Trauma

For more information, please contact Linda Bozilesky, Trauma Program, at 610-402-8464.

## Institutional Review Board Lectures

The Research Participant Protection Office is offering instructional sessions. The topic and dates for June are as follows:

- ... "Clinical Research and HIPAA Regulations"
  - ⌞ June 4 at 7:30 a.m. – Classroom 1, Anderson Wing
  - ⌞ June 13 at 2 p.m. – Classroom 2, Anderson Wing

For more information, please contact Lisa Gogel in the Research Participant Protection Office at 610-969-2525.

## Medical Grand Rounds

Medical Grand Rounds are held every Tuesday, beginning at noon, in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and videoconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- ... June 5 – "Acute Aortic Syndromes" – Larry Jacobs, MD
- ... June 12 – TBA

Medical Grand Rounds will resume in September. For more information, please contact Theresa Marx in the Department of Medicine at 610-402-5200.

## Neurology Conferences

The Division of Neurology conferences are held on Thursdays, beginning at noon. All conferences are held in Classroom 1, in the Anderson Wing at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and teleconferenced to the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- ... June 7 – "Epilepsy Update" – John W. Margraf, MD
- ... June 14 – Case Presentations – Michael Sperling, MD, Jefferson University Hospital
- ... June 21 – "EEG Monitoring in the ICU" – Susan Herman, MD, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (This conference will be held in the Auditorium)
- ... June 28 – Division of Neurology meeting

For more information, please contact Sharon Bartz, Program Coordinator, Neurosciences and Pain Research, at 610-402-9008.

## OB/GYN Grand Rounds

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology holds Grand Rounds every Friday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- ... June 1 – Resident Research Day – 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Auditorium, Cedar Crest & I-78
- ... June 8 – OB M&M
- ... June 15 – Journal Club
- ... June 22 – "Endometrial Ablation" – Visiting Professor TBA
- ... June 29 – Annual GMEC Report – William Iobst, MD, and J.P. Orlando

For more information, please contact Teresa Benner in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at 610-969-4515.

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## Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Department of Pediatrics holds Grand Rounds every Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m., in the Educational Conference Room #1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, unless otherwise noted. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- ... June 5 – “Itching to Know More? Common Summertime Skin Rashes” – Albert Yan, MD
- ... June 12 – “Overview of ADHD” – Dhanalakshmi Ramasamy, MD
- ... June 19 – “Swollen Optic Nerve” – Mark Trachtman, MD
- ... June 26 – “Care of the Child with an Organ Transplant” – Kevin Meyers, MD

For more information, please contact Kelli Ripperger in the Department of Pediatrics at 610-969-2540.

## Psychiatry Grand Rounds

The next Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentation will be held on **Thursday, June 21**, beginning at noon (registration at 11:45 a.m.) in the Educational Conference Center, Rooms C and D, at LVH-Muhlenberg. The topic of discussion will be:

- ... **“Redefining Bipolar Depression – Diagnosis and Treatment”** – Norman Sussman, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine

For more information, please contact Tammy Schweizer in the Department of Psychiatry at 610-402-5255.

## Spine Conference

Conferences relating to interesting spine cases are held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 7 a.m. Attendees typically include spine surgeons, neurosurgeons, physiatrists, pain management specialists, radiologists, among others. All clinicians are invited to bring interesting cases to this meeting.

The next Spine Conference will be held on **Wednesday, June 6**, in Educational Conference Room #1 in the Anderson Wing of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78.

For more information, please contact James C. Weis, MD, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, or Lisa Smothers, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-973-6344.

## Surgical Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Tuesdays, beginning at 7 a.m., in the Auditorium of Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest & I-78, and via videoconference in the First Floor Conference Room at LVH-Muhlenberg. Topics to be discussed in June will include:

- ... June 5 – “Pelvic Organ Prolapse” – Chad Baxter, MD – Urology Resident, Penn State University
- ... June 12 – “Lower GI Bleed” – Hisham Elhasan, MD – Colon and Rectal Resident

Surgical Grand Rounds will resume in September – Have a great summer! For more information, please contact Cathy Glenn in the Department of Surgery at 610-402-7839.

## News from Health Information Management

Effective with the services of June 4, 2007, Breast Health Services records will now be available online in EHMR. Once the patient has been seen, documentation will be scanned into the EHMR system. This will include the Cedar Crest & I-78, 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew, LVH-Muhlenberg, Bath and Trexlertown sites.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Susan A. Cassium, Director, Operations/Imaging, at 610-969-3864.

## Who's New

*This section contains an update of new appointments, address changes, status changes, resignations, etc. Please remember to update your directory and rolodexes with this information.*

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#### New Appointments



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#### Address Change

##### ABW Pediatric Associates

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(Effective June 1, ABW Pediatric Associates will consolidate the Allentown Office with the Bethlehem Office)

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### ***Change to Honorary Status***

**Zwu S. Lin, MD**

Department of Radiology-Diagnostic Medical Imaging  
Division of Diagnostic Radiology  
Section of Neuroradiology  
From: Active  
To: Honorary Status

### ***Resignations***

**Ardeth L. Copeland, MD**

Department of Medicine  
Division of Hospital Medicine/General Internal Medicine  
(LVPG-Hospitalist Services)

**Lisa A. Rossell-Seed, DO**

Department of Family Medicine  
(Center Valley Family Practice)

### **Allied Health Staff**

#### ***New Appointments***

**Julie M. Glover, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(Lehigh Area Medical Associates, PC – Vipul D.  
Makwana, MD)

**Terry T. Russo, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Michael B. Weigner, MD)

**Heather L. Shappell**

Genetic Counselor  
(Cancer Risk Assessment Services – Gregory R. Harper,  
MD, PhD)

**Kerry C. Willis, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(LVPG-Emergency Medicine – Anthony Werhun, MD)

### ***Change of Supervising Physician***

**Constance A. Molchany, CRNP**

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
(Vascular Health Services – Nelson P. Kopyt, DO, and  
John E. Castaldo, MD)  
From: Matthew H. Corcoran, MD  
To: Gretchen A. Perilli, MD

### ***Change of Supervising Physician and Group***

**Diemhang K. Huynh-Younes, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
From: John J. Cassel, MD, PC – John J. Cassel,  
MD  
To: Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists – Larry E.  
Jacobs, MD

**John J. Swankoski, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
From: The Heart Care Group, PC – Paul Gulotta,  
MD  
To: Lehigh Valley Heart Specialists – Vadim A.  
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### ***Resignations***

**Elaine A. Buczynski**

Pacemaker/ICD Technician  
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**Nancy T. Cole, PA-C**

Physician Assistant-Certified  
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**Lynette E. Nicolette, RN**

Pacemaker/ICD Technician  
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Surgical Technician  
(Lehigh Valley Eye Center, PC)

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